

# HOUSING

Housing Services exists to establish and maintain an affordable housing strategy for the City that encompasses housing, rent and utility assistance, home ownership, and home rehabilitation.



WHA operates public housing facilities such as Greenway Manor.

## Overview

The Housing Services Department receives grant funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing. The funds support a variety of programs, including the HOME Program, the Direct Loan and Deferred Loan Programs, the Infill Housing Program, the Heart of Wichita program, and the Emergency Shelter and Assistance programs. The Department also administers the Wichita Housing Authority's (WHA) public housing and Section 8 Housing Assistance

programs. Most services are targeted to low-income neighborhoods for housing, home ownership, and home rehabilitation assistance to low- and moderate-income citizens.

## Finance and Operations

In January of 2000, the Human Services Department was merged with various other departments; eliminating some divisions. The Housing Services Department was created to consolidate and provide centralized oversight for all City housing-related programs. The new department incorporates functions formerly residing within the Human Services Department and the Office of Central Inspection.

The 2001-2003 Wichita Housing Authority budgets reflect substantial changes in the distribution of funding between Section 8 Programs. The Section 8 Existing Program provides certificates to landlords to subsidize a portion of a rent level set by HUD. The Section 8 Voucher Program provides subsidy vouchers to tenants based on a rent set by the landlord and tenant, within an upper rent limit set by HUD. The budgets reflect HUD's mandate to gradually convert all Section 8 Existing Program activities to the Section 8 Voucher Program.

Housing Services Department Budget Summary					
	2000 Actual	2001 Adopted	2001 Revised	2002 Adopted	2003 Approved
Housing Services Administration:	165,463	161,470	163,400	164,040	164,730
<b>Total General Fund Expenditures:</b>	<b>165,463</b>	<b>161,470</b>	<b>163,400</b>	<b>164,040</b>	<b>164,730</b>
Wichita Housing Authority/Section 8:	10,910,251	11,706,521	12,875,946	12,509,552	12,610,155
<b>Total Grant Resource Expenditures:</b>	<b>10,910,251</b>	<b>11,706,521</b>	<b>12,875,946</b>	<b>12,509,552</b>	<b>12,610,155</b>
Locally-funded positions	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15
Grant-funded positions	48.875	48.875	48.875	54.625	54.625
<b>Total FTE positions</b>	<b>50.025</b>	<b>50.025</b>	<b>50.025</b>	<b>55.775</b>	<b>55.775</b>



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